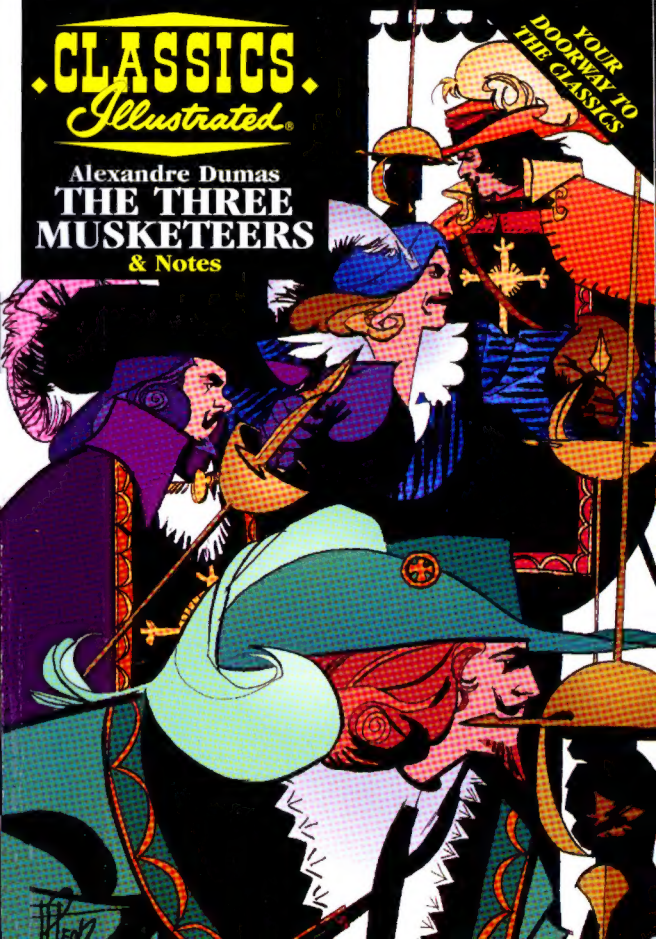


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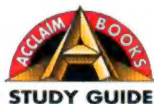
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# THE THREE MUSKETEERS

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**O**N AN APRIL DAY IN 1625, D'ARTAGNAN, A YOUNG MAN FROM GASCONY, RODE TO PARIS ON AN ANCIENT YELLOW HORSE TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE. IN HIS POCKET WERE 15 CROWNS AND A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO MONSIEUR DE TREVILLE, THE CAPTAIN OF THE KING'S MUSKETEERS.

**W**HEN HE ARRIVED AT MONSIEUR DE TREVILLE'S HOTEL, HE FOUND THE COURT FILLED WITH MUSKETEERS.



**H**E WAS ADMITTED TO DE TREVILLE'S APARTMENT.

ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, WHILE I FINISH WITH ANOTHER MATTER. ATHOS! PORTHOS! ARAMIS!



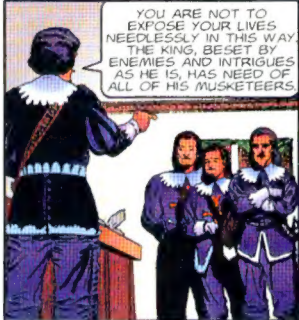
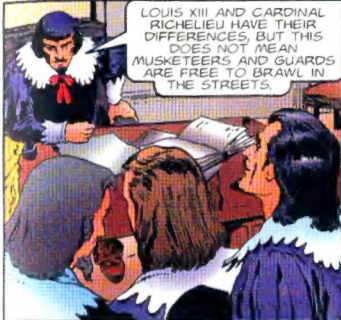
**T**HREE MUSKETEERS IMMEDIATELY ENTERED.



I HAVE HEARD, GENTLEMEN, THAT SOME OF THE KING'S MUSKETEERS FOUGHT THE CARDINAL'S GUARDS IN THE RUE FEROU YESTERDAY.







**E**LATED, D'ARTAGNAN BOUNDED DOWN THE STAIRS AND COLLIDED WITH ATHOS.

EXCUSE ME.

YOU SAY "EXCUSE ME" AND BELIEVE THAT IS SUFFICIENT? YOUR MANNERS ARE VERY BAD.



IT IS NOT YOU WHO CAN GIVE ME LESSONS IN GOOD MANNERS, I WARN YOU.

LET US MEET NEAR THE CARMES DESCHAUX AT NOON AND SETTLE THIS MATTER.

GOOD. I WILL BE THERE.



**D**'ARTASIAN CONTINUED AND AT THE GATE CAME UPON PORTHOS AND A FRIEND.



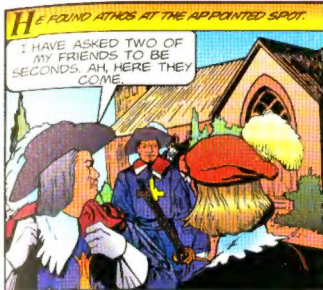
**A**S HE PUSHED PAST THEM THE WIND BLEW OUT PORTHOS' CLOAK WHICH ENVELOPED D'ARTASIAN IN ITS FOLDS.











SHALL WE FIGHT?  
IT IS FIVE AGAINST  
THREE.



NO, GENTLEMEN,  
THERE ARE FOUR  
OF US!



**D**RAWING THEIR SWORDS,  
D'ARTAGNIAN AND THE  
MUSKETEERS FOUGHT  
TOGETHER.



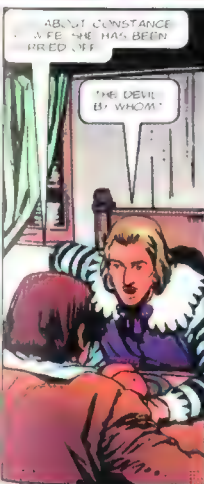
**I**N A FEW MINUTES ALL THE GUARDS  
WERE WOUNDED OR DEAD.



**T**RUMPHANTLY, THE FOUR FRIENDS WALKED BACK  
TO DE TRÉVILLE'S HOTEL.

IF I AM NOT YET A MUSKETEER,  
AT LEAST I HAVE ENTERED UPON  
MY APPRENTICESHIP, HAVEN'T I?







**D' CONFIDED THE MATTER TO HIS FRIENDS. SEVERAL DAYS LATER...**



IT SOUNDS AS IF SOMEONE IS BEING MISTREATED IN MONSIEUR BONACIEUX'S APARTMENT.

**HE** RUSHED DOWNSTAIRS AND QUICKLY PUT THE MEN TO FLIGHT.



AH, MONSIEUR, YOU HAVE SAVED ME!

ARE YOU MADAME BONACIEUX?



YES THOSE MEN WERE AGENTS OF THE CARDINAL, FROM WHOM I ESCAPED.

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?



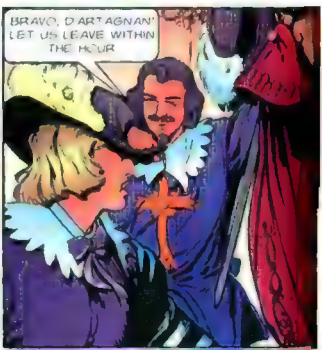
I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A MOMENT WHEN THEY LEFT ME ALONE, BUT, AS YOU SEE, THEY FOLLOWED ME.



**ATHOS, PORTHOS AND ARAMIS  
INSISTED ON ACCOMPANYING HIM.**



**THAT IS OUR MOTTO, IS  
IT NOT - ALL FOR ONE,  
ONE FOR ALL!**





THEY WENT AS FAR AS  
CHANTILLY WHERE  
THEY ALIGHTED AT AN INN.



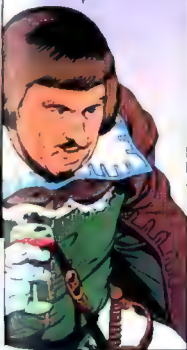
IN THE COMMON ROOM THEY  
FELL INTO CONVERSATION WITH  
A MAN WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED

LET US DRINK TO  
THE CARDINAL

YES, IF YOU WILL, IN  
TURN, DRINK TO  
THE KING



THERE IS NO  
OTHER KING BUT  
THE CARDINAL



PORTHOS ROSE, AND  
THE STRANGER DREW  
HIS SWORD



KILL THE FELLOW  
AND REJOIN US AS  
SOON AS YOU CAN



**T**HE THREE FRIENDS CONTINUED THEIR JOURNEY.  
BEFORE LONG THEY CAME TO A GROUP OF MEN  
WORKING ON THE ROAD



**T**HE WORKERS SUDDENLY PRODUCED MUSKETS FROM A  
DITCH AND PEPPERED THEM WITH BULLETS.



**A**RAMIS, THOUGH WOUNDED,  
CLUNG TO HIS HORSE'S MANE  
AND ESCAPED WITH THE OTHERS.



**B**UT SOON...

I CAN GO NO FURTHER  
LEAVE ME AT THIS INN  
AND GO ON

VERY WELL



**D**'ARTAGNAN AND ATHOS CONTINUED UNTIL MIDNIGHT, WHEN THEY STOPPED AT AN INN. THE NEXT MORNING ATHOS WENT INTO THE INNKEEPER'S OFFICE TO PAY THE BILL.

THIS MONEY IS COUNTERFEIT I'LL HAVE YOU AND YOUR COMPANION ARRESTED!



YOU SCOUNDREL! I'LL CUT YOUR EARS OFF!



**J**UST THEN FOUR MEN RUSHED IN AND FELL UPON ATHOS



I AM TAKEN! GO ON, D'ARTAGNAN! **SPUR! SPUR!**

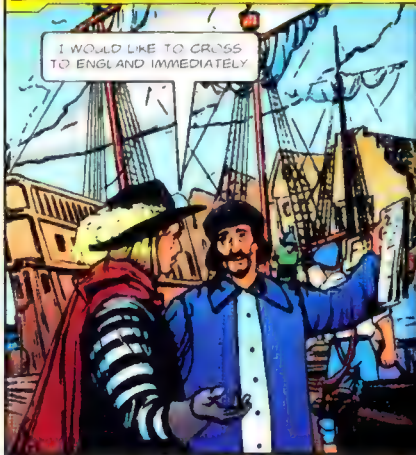




**D'ARTAGNAN SET OFF  
AT A GALLOP.**



**BEFORE LONG HE REACHED THE PORT OF CALAIS.**



NOTHING WOULD BE MORE EASY, BUT WE HAD ORDERS THIS MORNING THAT NO ONE BE ALLOWED TO CROSS WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE CARDINAL



I HAVE AN ORDER FROM THE CARDINAL GRANTING ME THAT PERMISSION



**THE MAN SET OFF  
TOWARD THE  
GOVERNOR'S HOUSE,  
CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY  
D'ARTAGNAN**





**H**E REACHED LONDON WITHOUT FURTHER DIFFICULTY AND WAS SOON IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

HAS ANY MISFORTUNE BEFALLEN THE QUEEN?

NO, BUT I BELIEVE SHE IS IN SOME PERIL. HERE IS A MESSAGE FROM HER.

GREAT HEAVENS! I WILL GET THE STUDS IMMEDIATELY

**B**UT...

WHAT IS THE MATTER, MILORD?

ALL IS LOST! TWO OF THE STUDS ARE MISSING. THERE ARE BUT TEN OF THEM.

CAN THEY HAVE BEEN STOLEN?

THE ONLY TIME I WORE THESE STUDS WAS AT A BALL LAST WEEK MILADY DE WINTER STOOD BESIDE ME TALKING FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.



SHE IS AN AGENT OF  
THE CARDINAL SHE  
MUST HAVE TAKEN THEM



WHAT'S TO BE  
DONE? THE BALL IS  
IN FIVE DAYS

I WILL HAVE TWO  
MADE EXACTLY  
LIKE THE OTHERS



THE DUKE SET HIS JEWELER  
TO WORK TWO DAYS  
LATER, D'ARTAGNAN WAS  
READY TO RETURN TO  
FRANCE WITH TWELVE  
DIAMOND STUDS.

HOW CAN I EVER REPAY  
MY DEBT TO YOU?



I CONFESS, YOUR GRACE,  
THAT WITH WAR IMMINENT  
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,  
I MUST LOOK UPON YOU AS A  
FUTURE ENEMY THAT WHICH I  
DID, I DID FOR MY QUEEN.



YOUR HAND, YOUNG MAN  
PERHAPS WE SHALL SOON  
MEET ON THE FIELD OF  
BATTLE, BUT NOW WE  
PART GOOD FRIENDS,  
I TRUST



**D'**ARTAGNAN RETURNED TO PARIS SAFELY AND GAVE THE DIAMONDS TO CONSTANCE BONACIEUX TO GIVE TO THE QUEEN. THE NEXT DAY HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE

**D'**ARTAGNAN WENT TO ST. CLOUD. AT 11 O'CLOCK HE GREW UNEASY

THERE IS NO SIGN OF HER. CAN SOMETHING HAVE HAPPENED?



Great thanks are due  
you. Come this evening  
at ten o'clock to  
- St. Cloud and wait  
in front of the  
garçon.  
Constance

**H**E SWUNG HIMSELF UP INTO A TREE FROM WHICH HE COULD SEE INTO THE LIGHTED ROOM



GREAT HEAVENS!  
SOMEONE MUST HAVE  
TAKEN HER AWAY  
BY FORCE!



**J**UMPING DOWN, D'ARTAGNAN MADE ANOTHER DISCOVERY.

HER GLOVE!  
TORN AND  
MUDDY!



**D'ARTAGNAN WENT TO DE TREVILLE AND TOLD HIM THE STORY.**

THIS ALL SAVORS OF THE CARDINAL HE MUST KNOW HOW THE DIAMOND STUDS GOT FROM LONDON TO PARIS



IF I WERE YOU I WOULD LEAVE PARIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CARDINAL IS A FORMIDABLE ENEMY, WITH ALL THE DEVIL'S TRICKS AT HIS COMMAND



BUT I MUST TRY TO FIND CONSTANCE!



THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO. I WILL TELL THE QUEEN WHAT HAS HAPPENED SHE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP THE YOUNG WOMAN.



IN THAT CASE, I SHALL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK OUT ATHOS, PORTHOS AND ARAMIS



**D**'ARTAGNAN WENT  
TO THE INN WHERE  
HE HAD PARTED WITH  
PORTHOS.

CAN YOU TELL ME  
WHAT HAS HAPPENED  
TO MY FRIEND WHO WAS  
DETAINED HERE BY A  
GUARREL A WEEK AGO?



MONSIEUR  
PORTHOS" HE IS  
HERE, RECOVERING  
FROM A CHEST  
WOUND. AH, THE  
BILL HE HAS RUN UP!



**D**'ARTAGNAN FOUND  
PORTHOS IN HIS ROOM.

D'ARTAGNAN YOU ARE  
WELCOME MY DEAR FELLOW  
DID YOU HEAR MY SORRY  
STORY? WHEN I WAS FIGHTING  
WITH THE STRANGER I TRIPPED  
ON A STONE AND  
STRAINED MY KNEE



IT WAS LUCKY FOR  
THE RASCAL, FOR  
I SHOULD HAVE  
LEFT HIM DEAD  
ON THE SPOT.



AS I SEE YOU ARE WELL  
PROVIDED FOR, I WILL GO  
ON TO FIND THE OTHERS  
WE WILL CALL FOR YOU  
ON THE WAY BACK



**H**E FOUND ARAMIS,  
AT ANOTHER INN.

IS THIS ARAMIS, OR  
HAVE I MISTAKEN YOUR  
ROOM FOR THAT OF  
A CHURCHMAN?



I HAVE ALWAYS  
INTENDED TO TAKE  
THE HOLY ORDERS  
AND I AM NOW  
ABOUT TO DO SO



IN THAT CASE, I SHALL  
BURN THIS LETTER  
WHICH CAME FOR YOU  
IN PARIS.



WHAT LETTER?

OH, ONLY FROM  
SOME WOMAN,  
I THINK



AH, SHE LOVES  
ME STILL! SHE IS  
NOT FAITHLESS!



DEAR FRIEND, HAPPINESS  
STIFLES ME. I RETURN  
TO THE WORLD.



**B**ECAUSE ARAMIS HAD NOT COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS, D'ARTAGNIAN WENT ON ALONE. HE JOURNEYED UNTIL HE CAME TO THE INN WHERE HE HAD LAST SEEN ATHOS.

AH, MONSIEUR, HE FOUGHT LIKE A TIGER. AS HE RETREATED HE FOUND THE WAY TO THE CELLAR AND BARRICADED HIMSELF IN IT.

I SEE, YOU MADE HIM YOUR PRISONER.

OH, NO! WE KNOW WE ACCUSED HIM WRONGLY, AND HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET HIM OUT, BUT HE WILL NOT COME

YOU ONCE HAD THE AUDACITY TO ACCUSE A GENTLEMAN OF PASSING BAD MONEY. WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM?



ALL OUR SUPPLIES ARE IN THE CELLAR. HE WILL NOT LET US IN AND WE ARE FORCED TO TURN AWAY TRAVELLERS WHO COME FOR FOOD AND DRINK

OH, MONSIEUR, IF YOU COULD ONLY PERSUADE HIM TO COME OUT! IF HE STAYS IN THE CELLAR ANOTHER WEEK I SHALL BE RUINED!



D'ARTAGNAN WENT TO THE CELLAR

ATHOS, OPEN  
THE DOOR.



IS THAT D'ARTAGNAN?  
WAIT WHILE I UNBAR IT

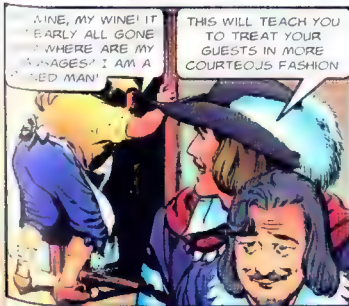
YOU HAVE EATEN  
AND DRUNK WELL, I  
SEE, DEAR FELLOW.

I AM DEAD DRUNK, I MUST  
HAVE HAD 150 BOTTLES



WINE, MY WINE! IT  
NEARLY ALL GONE  
WHERE ARE MY  
BOTTLES? I AM A  
DRUNK MAN!

THIS WILL TEACH YOU  
TO TREAT YOUR  
GUESTS IN MORE  
COURTEOUS FASHION



COME, WE WILL GO  
TO A ROOM YOU  
THINK I AM DRUNK  
BUT MY IDEAS ARE  
NEVER SO CLEAR AS  
WHEN I HAVE  
HAD PLENTY  
OF WINE



I THINK I WILL TELL YOU A STORY OF LOVE ONE OF MY FRIENDS A COUNT, FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL BUT PENNILESS YOUNG GIRL AND MARRIED HER



ONE DAY WHEN THEY WERE OUT HUNTING SHE FELL FROM HER HORSE AND FAINTED HE LOOSENED HER DRESS AND WHAT DO YOU THINK HE FOUND ON HER SHOULDER?



A FLEUR-DE-LIS! SHE HAD BEEN A THIEF AND WAS BRANDED!



GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT DID HE DO THEN?

HE TIED HER HANDS BEHIND HER BACK AND HANGED HER FROM A TREE!



WHAT A GHASTLY THING TO HAVE HAPPENED TO YOUR FRIEND!

MY FRIEND? D'ARTAGNAN IT WAS I!





**D**ARTAGNAN AND ARMS SET OUT THE NEXT DAY, STOPPING ON THE WAY FOR ARAMIS AND PORTNOS. SOON THE FOUR FRIENDS WERE AGAIN IN PARIS ONE DAY WHEN D'ARTAGNAN WAS OUT RIDING HE CAME ACROSS A CARRIAGE DRAWN UP BY THE ROADSIDE.

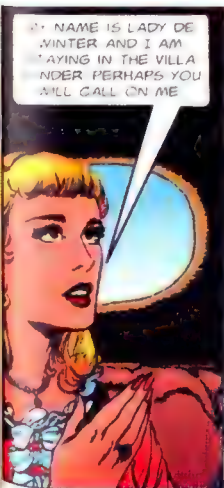


**I**N IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL LADY TALKING ANGRILY TO A CAVALIER



MADAME, I AM MONSIEUR D'ARTAGNAN OF HIS MAJESTY'S GUARDS. MAY I OFFER MY SERVICES?

I SHOULD WELCOME YOUR PROTECTION, WERE NOT THIS GENTLEMAN MY BROTHER-IN-LAW



MY NAME IS LADY DE WINTER AND I AM STAYING IN THE VILLA UNDER PERHAPS YOU WILL CALL ON ME

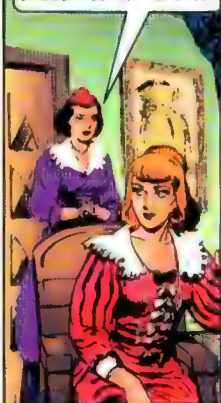


CAN THIS BE THE MILADY DE WINTER THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM SUSPECTED OF STEALING THE QUEEN'S STUDS?

**E**ASER TO LEARN  
MORE, D'ARTAGNAN  
ACCEPTED THE  
INVITATION AND BEGAN  
TO VISIT MILADY OFTEN.  
ONE NIGHT HE HEARD  
HER TALKING TO HER  
MAID



IF MADAME HATES  
MONSIEUR D'ARTAGNAN  
SO, WHY DOES SHE  
ENCOURAGE HIM TO CALL?



HE AND I HAVE SOMETHING  
TO SETTLE THAT HE IS  
QUITE IGNORANT OF HE  
WAS VERY NEAR MAKING  
ME LOSE MY CREDIT WITH  
THE CARDINAL OVER TWO  
DIAMOND STUDS



MADAME HAS AT LEAST  
REVENGED HERSELF BY  
HAVING HIS FRIEND,  
MADAME BONACIEUX,  
ABDUCTED



**D**'ARTAGNAN FLIES OPEN THE DOOR

D'ARTAGNAN!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE  
WITH CONSTANCE?



**D'**ARTAGNAN SEIZED  
MILADY BY THE  
SHOULDER AS SHE  
PULLED AWAY, THE NECK  
OF HER GOWN TORN



GREAT GOD! THE  
FLEUR-DE-LIS! YOU  
ARE BRANDED!

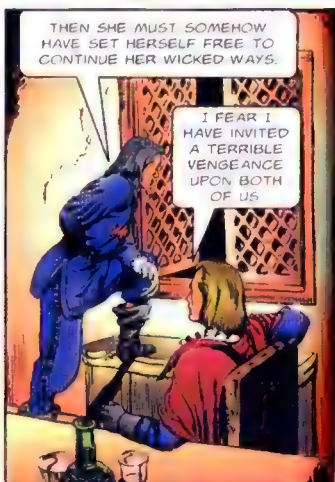


YOU WRETCH! YOU  
KNOW MY SECRET!  
YOU SHALL DIE!



**S**HOCKED BY THE WILD AND  
EVIL LOOK IN HER EYES,  
D'ARTAGNAN OPENED THE DOOR  
AND RAN FROM THE HOUSE



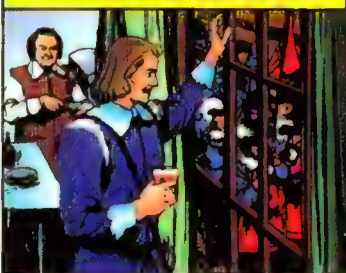




**S**OON AFTER, THE FOUR FRIENDS LEFT PARIS ON A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ENGLISH AT LA ROCHELLE D'ARTAGNAN, BEING IN ANOTHER COMPANY, WAS SEPARATED FROM THE THREE MUSKETEERS. ONE DAY.



**D**'ARTAGNAN WAS ABOUT TO SAMPLE IT WHEN THE MUSKETEERS CAME MARCHING UP



**T**HEY HURRY TO D'ARTAGNAN'S ROOM.



**T**HE THREE MUSKETEERS RETURNED TO THEIR CAMP. ONE NIGHT THEY WERE RIDING TOGETHER WHEN THEY HEARD THE SOUND OF HORSES.

WHO GOES THERE?  
ANSWER OR WE CHARGE.



BEWARE OF WHAT  
YOU ARE ABOUT TO  
DO, GENTLEMEN.  
WHO ARE YOU?



KING'S MUSKETEERS  
AND YOU?

CARDINAL  
RICHELIEU



YOUR PARDON,  
MONSIEUR. WE  
DID NOT KNOW YOU.

I REQUEST YOU  
GENTLEMEN TO FOLLOW  
ME AND BE MY ESCORT  
FOR THE EVENING.



**THE MUSKETEERS ACCOMPANIED  
THE CARDINAL TO AN INN.**

WAIT FOR ME HERE  
I SHALL NOT BE MORE  
THAN HALF AN HOUR



**AS THEY WAITED, ATHOS  
RESTLESSLY PACED  
BACK AND FORTH.**



**HE PASSED A BROKEN  
STOVE PIPE AND HEARD  
THE SOUND OF VOICES.**

HUSH! THE CARDINAL IS  
PEAKING TO SOMEONE IN  
THE CHAMBER ABOVE



**THE THREE MUSKETEERS GATHERED  
AROUND THE PIPE.**

I HEAR A  
LADY'S VOICE



WHAT DO YOU WISH,  
MONSIEUR?

YOU ARE TO TELL  
THE DUKE OF  
BUCKINGHAM I HAVE  
PROOFS OF HIS  
MEETINGS WITH THE  
QUEEN, AND THAT I WILL  
REVEAL THEM IF HE  
CONTINUES WITH  
THIS WAR.

BUT IT IS POSSIBLE  
HE MAY PERSIST.

THEN A WAY WILL  
HAVE TO BE FOUND  
TO KILL HIM.

I WILL FIND THE WAY.  
BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR  
BUCKINGHAM, I WISH  
THE DEATH OF ONE  
OF MY ENEMIES.

WHAT IS HIS  
NAME?

D'ARTAGNAN

VERY WELL  
GIVE ME  
PAPER AND  
PEN.

SOON...

It is by my  
order, and for the  
good of the state,  
that the bearer of  
this has done  
what he has done.  
3d. December, 1628

Richelieu



**A FEW MINUTES LATER  
THE CARDINAL  
DESCENDED THE STAIRS.**

WHERE IS  
MONSIEUR ATHOS?



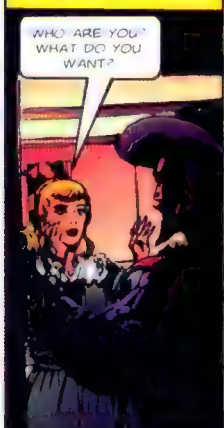
HE HAS GONE AHEAD  
TO SEE THAT THE  
ROADS ARE SAFE

VERY WELL,  
LET US GO,  
GENTLEMEN



**WHEN THE OTHERS LEFT,  
ATHOS RETURNED  
TO THE INN.**

WHO ARE YOU?  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT?



YOU DO NOT  
RECOGNIZE ME?



I AM THE COUNT  
DE LA FERRE. YOUR  
HUSBAND GIVE ME  
THE PAPER THE  
CARDINAL GAVE  
YOU. OR I WILL  
BLOW OUT YOUR  
BRAINS



TAKE IT, AND BE  
ACCURSED!

NOW THAT I  
HAVE DRAWN  
YOUR TEETH,  
VIPER, BITE  
IF YOU CAN!



**THE NEXT DAY THE THREE MUSKETEERS MET D'ARTAGNAN AT AN INN FOR BREAKFAST.**



**THE FOUR MEN WERE SOON ESTABLISHED IN THE BASTION.**



NOW, ATHOS, WHAT DID YOU WISH TO TELL ME?



I SAW MILADY YESTERDAY.

WHAT!

**ATHOS RELATED WHAT HAD HAPPENED THE NIGHT BEFORE. SUDDENLY...**



ABOUT 20 MEN ARE COMING TOWARD US.



THERE ARE ONLY FOUR SOLDIERS. THE REST ARE WORKMEN. I WILL WARN THEM AWAY.



GENTLEMEN, WE ARE BREAKFASTING. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE FINISHED, IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS HERE

**I**N ANSWER, SEVERAL BULLETS FLATTENED THEMSELVES IN THE WALL AROUND ATHOS.



**T**HE FOUR FRIENDS REPLIED WITH A VOLLEY THAT PUT THE GROUP TO FLIGHT.



**T**HEN...

TO CONTINUE, MILADY MUST BE ON HER WAY TO ENGLAND I THINK THE BEST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO WRITE TO LORD DE WINTER, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND TELL HIM HER PLANS REGARDING BUCKINGHAM



GENTLEMEN, TO ARMS! MORE TROOPS APPROACH.





**FOUR SHOTS RANG OUT AND FOUR OF THE ENEMY FELL.**



**ALTHOUGH THE FOUR FRENCHMEN CONTINUED TO FIRE, A DOZEN SOLDIERS REACHED THE FOOT OF THE BASTION.**

LET US FINISH THEM AT A BLOW. TO THE WALL!



**A PUSH SENT THE WEAKENED WALL TUMBLING UPON THE SOLDIERS.**



I BELIEVE THAT FINISHES IT, GENTLEMEN. NOW, AS WE HAVE BEEN HERE AN HOUR, I SUGGEST WE RETURN TO OUR COMRADES.



**BECAUSE OF HIS PART IN THIS ADVENTURE, D'ARTAGNAN WAS MADE A MUSKETEER.**

THE DREAM OF MY LIFE HAS COME TRUE!



**T**HE FOUR MUSKETEERS SENT A LETTER TO LORD DE WINTER. WHEN MILADY ARRIVED IN ENGLAND, A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER MET HER.



**S**HE WAS ESCORTED TO A CHATEAU AND LEFT IN A ROOM WITH BARRED WINDOWS.



**T**HEN LORD DE WINTER APPEARED IN THE DOORWAY.



IN ONE WEEK I WILL HAVE AN ORDER OF DEPORTATION WHICH WILL PLACE YOU THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM ENGLAND. MEANWHILE, I HOPE YOU WILL BE COMFORTABLE HERE.



**WHEN DE WINTER LEFT, MILADY PACED UP AND DOWN IN A FURY.**

THIS TOO I MUST  
OWE TO D'ARTAGNAN  
FIRST THE AFFAIR OF  
THE STUDS, THEN  
MY BRAND AND NOW  
THIS. OH,  
REVENGE!  
REVENGE!



BUT IN ORDER TO  
AVENGE MYSELF I MUST  
BE FREE.  
PERHAPS I CAN WIN  
OVER THE YOUNG  
OFFICER WHO BROUGHT  
ME HERE. IT IS MY  
ONLY CHANCE.



**FELTON, THE OFFICER, CAME TO OVERSEE HER WELFARE SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. AT EACH VISIT MILADY DID ALL SHE COULD TO WIN HIS SYMPATHY**

ARE YOU ILL,  
MILADY?

OH, HOW  
I HAVE  
SUFFERED!



IF YOU BUT KNEW  
MY STORY, YOU  
WOULD SEE THAT  
WHAT LORD DE  
WINTER TELLS YOU  
IS UNTRUE



YOU HAVE  
BEEN WRONGED,  
THEN?

OH, YES, BY HIM,  
BUT EVEN  
MORE BY THE  
INFAMOUS  
DUKE OF  
BUCKINGHAM



**B**Y SKILLFUL LIES MILADY PERSUADED FELTON THAT SHE SHOULD BE FREED, AND THAT BUCKINGHAM SHOULD BE MURDERED THE NIGHT BEFORE SHE WAS TO BE DEPORTED, SHE HEARD A TAP AT THE WINDOW



FELTON! I AM SAVED!

YES, BUT BE SILENT I MUST FLEE THROUGH THESE BARS



**W**HEN HE HAD FINISHED...

PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND MY NECK AND FEAR NOTHING



**S**LOWLY THEY DESCENDED







**AT THE CONVENT, MILADY MET ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN.**

AND WHY ARE YOU STAYING HERE, MY DEAR?

I WAS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE QUEEN, AND WHEN THE CARDINAL FOUND OUT ABOUT CERTAIN SERVICES I HAD DONE FOR HER, HE HAD ME ABDUCTED.

BUT THE QUEEN FOUND OUT WHERE I WAS AND HAD ME BROUGHT HERE FOR SAFETY

YOU ARE CONSTANCE BONACIEUX!

YES, MILADY, BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE A MUTUAL FRIEND, MONSIEUR D'ARTAGNAN. HAVE YOU HAD ANY NEWS FROM HIM?

OH, YES. I HAVE JUST HAD A NOTE THAT HE IS COMING HERE FOR ME THIS VERY NIGHT!

**S**UDDENLY A CLATTER OF HOOFS WAS HEARD.

PERHAPS THAT IS D'ARTAGNAN. OH, MY HEART BEATS SO I CANNOT WALK!

**S**WIFTLY MILADY POURED A GLASS OF WINE AND SLIPPED A REDDISH POWDER INTO IT.

HERE, THIS WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH.

**C**ONSTANCE DRANK AND SANK TO THE GROUND, AS MILADY FLED.

THIS IS NOT THE WAY I WISHED TO AVENGE MYSELF, BUT WE DO WHAT WE CAN.

**W**HEN THE FOUR MUSKETEERS ARRIVED, CONSTANCE WAS DYING.

WHO DID THIS TO YOU?

SHE CALLED HERSELF... MILADY.

THIS MONSTER HAS LIVED TOO LONG! WAIT FOR ME HERE. I HAVE MEASURES TO TAKE.



THEY RETURNED WITH A TALL MASKED MAN. THEY SET OUT AND FOUND MILADY AT A LONELY HOUSE.



WE WANT THE PERSON KNOWN AS MILADY DE WINTER--TO PUNISH HER FOR HER CRIMES.

OH, GOD! AND WHO IS THIS?



THE EXECUTIONER!



THE EXECUTIONER LED MILADY TO A BOAT AT A NEARBY RIVER. WHEN HE ROWED HER TO THE OTHER SIDE, THE FOUR MUSKETEERS SAW HIS SWORD GLEAM AND THEN FALL.

GOD'S JUSTICE BE DONE. DIE IN PEACE.





**THE FOUR MUSKETEERS RETURNED TO LA ROCHELLE. D'ARTAGNAN WAS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT BEFORE CARDINAL RICHELIEU.**

YOU HAVE CONTINUALLY GIVEN ME TROUBLE, MONSIEUR-- IN THE AFFAIR OF THE STUDS AND NOW --



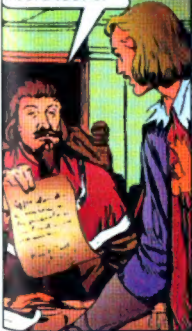
IT IS TRUE, AND ANOTHER MIGHT ANSWER YOU THAT HE HAS HIS PARDON IN HIS POCKET.



**D'ARTAGNAN GAVE THE CARDINAL THE NOTE ATHOS HAD TAKEN FROM MILADY.**



ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN ENEMIES, SUCH COURAGE AS YOURS MUST BE REWARDED. HERE IS A LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION IN THE MUSKETEERS.



**D'ARTAGNAN IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT OUT HIS FRIENDS.**

EACH OF YOU IS MORE WORTHY OF THIS COMMISSION THAN I.



KEEP IT, MY BOY. NO ONE DESERVES IT MORE.



**SOON AFTER, PORTHOS LEFT THE MUSKETEERS TO MARRY A RICH WIDOW. ARAMIS ENTERED A MONASTERY AND ATHOS RETIRED TO THE COUNTRY. D'ARTAGNAN TOOK POSSESSION OF HIS RANK AND CONTINUED TO SERVE HIS KING.**

**THE END**



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